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SUBJECT: APRIL 12 LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE ENCLOSED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO STATE HOUSE ASAP.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER. MANY OF THE CONCERNS
THAT YOU RAISE IN IT ARE NOW THE SUBJECT OF ACTIVE
DISCUSSIONS AS WE SEEK TO BUILD UPON THE POSITIVE RESULTS
OF THE DAR ES SALAAM SUMMIT OF MARCH 26-27.

DURING MY CONVERSATIONS IN LAGOS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE
SHOULD RESUME DIRECT HIGH LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT AS A PRELIMINARY STAGE TO THE CONVOCATION
OF AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING ON RHODESIA. I DEEPLY APPRE-
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CIATE YOUR SENDING FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE TO PARTICIPATE
IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. AMBASSADOR LOW AND MR. GRAHAM HAD
PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS ON ESTABLISHING THE TERMS, SITE
AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS MEETING. SECRETARIES VANCE
AND OWEN WILL MEET WITH MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE, AND
ALSO WITH THE SALISBURY PARTICIPANTS. I KNOW THAT YOU

ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS AND ARE THEREFORE FULLY INFORMED ON THE POSITIONS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN.

WE MUST NOW MOVE RAPIDLY AND WITH DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA, AS WELL AS THOSE OF YOUR COUNTRY, SUFFER TOO MUCH AS VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT INCREASE. EACH DAY OF WAR MAKES THE ATTAINMENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REVEREND SITHOLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED NOT TO TIE THEIR FUTURE OR THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITIONS DIRECTLY TO THOSE OF IAN SMITH. TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN BRING THEM TO THINK AND ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE PRESENT REGIME, THE GREATER WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A WIDER AREA OF AGREEMENT WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THUS I THINK WE SHOULD STRIVE TO GAIN AGREEMENT TO AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING THAT PROVIDES FOR ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY.

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE RETURNED FROM AFRICA INVIGORATED BY WHAT I SAW AND BY MY CONVERSATIONS THERE. I AM EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAN BEFORE THAT BECAUSE AFRICAN NATIONS SHARE WITH THE UNITED STATES A COMMITMENT TO HUMAN FREEDOM AND AN ABHORRENCE OF RACISM, WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO DEVISE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW THE PEOPLE

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OF AFRICA, OF ALL RACES, TO ENSURE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN A FUTURE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

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